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Letter dated 6 December 1991 from the Permanent Representative of Lebanon to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

In my capacity as Chairman of the Group of Arab States for December 1991 and on behalf of its members, I have the honour to transmit herewith the resolution adopted by the Council of the League of Arab States at its emergency session held at the headquarters of the League of Arab States in Cairo, Arab Republic of Egypt, on Thursday, 5 December 1991, concerning the American-British threats directed against the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya with regard to the Pan Am aircraft incident.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter and its annex circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 67, entitled "Strengthening of security and cooperation in the Mediterranean region", and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Khalil MAKKAWI
Ambassador
Permanent Representative of the
Lebanese Republic to the United Nations
Chairman of the Group of Arab States
for December

ANNEX

The Council of the League of Arab States convenes an emergency session at the request of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya

In the morning of 5 December 1991, the Council of the League of Arab States convened an emergency meeting on the basis of a request by the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya to consider the American-British threats with regard to the Pan Am aircraft incident. At the conclusion of its work, the League Council adopted the following resolution:

The Council of the League of Arab States, convened in emergency session on Thursday, 5 December 1991 on the basis of a request by the Great Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya,

Pursuant to the Pact of the League of Arab States, in particular article 6 thereof, and the Joint Defence and Economic Cooperation Treaty between the States of the Arab League,

Following a discussion of the charges directed against the Great Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya by the United States of America and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland with regard to the incident of the aircraft which was downed over Scotland in 1988,

Appreciating the initiatives of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya aimed at containing the catastrophe resulting from this incident and its call for an international investigation; and appreciating also all the other international efforts,

Referring to the communiqué of the General Secretariat of the League of Arab States of 17 November 1991, in which the General Secretariat called upon all parties to exercise self-restraint and not to take any steps which might increase the tension in the Middle East at a time when international and Arab efforts had begun with a view to arriving at a just and comprehensive peace in the region,

Recalling Arab resolutions condemning all forms of terrorism and terrorist operations aimed at innocent civilians,

Proceeding from the principles of the United Nations and the League of Arab States concerning the settlement of all disputes by peaceful means and in a way that does not endanger international peace and security, and in particular article 52 of the Charter of the United Nations,

Calling for avoidance of any economic or military actions which might cause the situation to escalate,

Decides as follows:

1. To affirm its solidarity with fraternal Libya and to commend its responsiveness regarding the investigation of the facts surrounding this regrettable incident;

2. To call for the establishment of a joint commission of the United Nations and the League of Arab States to study all documentation relating to the matter, in accordance with the existing cooperation between the two organizations, with the possible participation of other parties as observers;

3. To provide all possible means to facilitate the task of this Commission;

4. To entrust the Secretary-General with the task of following up the implementation of this resolution and to consider the Council as permanently in session for the purpose of following up developments in this situation.